

ONE WAY TRAFFIC FOR WANDERERS

Hemel Hempstead Town 2, Wycombe Wanderers 4

FOUR goals ahead after 52 minutes, Wycombe Wanderers eased up in the Premier Midweek League match at Hemel Hempstead on Wednesday night, and their Athenian League hosts scored twice in the last 35 minutes.

Wycombe, without five first team regulars, had dominated the early part of the game and were grossly superior to the home side. Hempstead, however, did not take too kindly to Wycombe's policy of playing out the latter part of the match at half-pace and scored two well-deserved goals to make the scoreline presentable.

The visitors went into the attack straight from the start. Searle hit the post and then nodded just over the crossbar, before Barry Baker opened the scoring in the 17th minute when he ran the ball through for a scoring shot following Searle's headed through pass.

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After that, it was one-way traffic to the Hemel goal and a second goal had to come.

It was finally scored by Vince Faulkner—his first success of the season—when he nodded in a 32nd-minute corner from Anthony, which was neatly flicked on with the outside of Ian Rundle's right boot.

Hemel's occasional raids gave the efficient Wycombe defence very little trouble, but the Isthmian Leaguers had to wait for a seven-minute scoring burst at the start of the second half, before increasing their tally.

Tony Horseman scored the third goal after his original shot had been blocked by the goal-keeper, Whitlock, in the 47th

minute, and seven minutes later Searle came powering forward on to a loose situation to drive a fine shot home for the fourth goal.

Searle went on to hit the crossbar with a header, but after that the Wycombe defenders decided to play out the rest of the game at a casual pace.

Hemel found this to their liking and they grabbed their chance to instigate reprisals. In the 58th minute big left-winger Keith Williams cut inside past right back Charlie Gale, and unleashed a 40-yard drive which caught 'keeper O'Brien well out of position as it flew into the back of the net.

A fierce volley from Huber was saved by O'Brien before Underwood fired fractionally over the crossbar.

Hemel's cause was helped when Faulkner was carried off with a leg injury after a clash with Underwood in the 79th minute. It was revealed later that Faulkner's injury was not too serious.

Three minutes from the end, Hemel were given a gift second goal, when O'Brien rolled a goalkick tamely outside the penalty area straight to the feet of Phil Walker, who promptly dispatched it into goal.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Whitlock; Wibberley, Buttery, Davies, Bisney, Wallace; Underwood, Huber, Waller, Young, Williams. Sub.: Hughes.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: O'Brien; Gale, MacLean, Baker, Faulkner (sub.: Hutchinson), Rundle, Blunt, Horseman, Searle, Pritchard, Anthony.